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Applicant: Edenson et al.

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AMENDMENT

5 May 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed 5 February 2003, applicant amends as follows:

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In the claims: ✓✓✓

Please cancel Claims 20, 41, and 42.

Please amend Claim 28 as follows:

28. (amended) The secure data storage medium of Claim 25, said identification system module comprising a radio frequency transponder.

REMARKS

This application was originally filed on 13 October 1998 with forty-two claims, five of which were written in independent form. Claims 1-24 have been allowed.

Claims 20, 41, and 42 have been canceled as they are substantial duplicates of Claims 19 and 40. Claim 28 has been amended to broaden the scope of Claim 28 over that of Claim 27.

Claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) [the applicant believes this was intended to by § 102(b)] as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,593,353 to Pickholtz ("Pickholtz"). The applicant respectfully disagrees.